

July 5, 2005

Billings Gazette-Carbon County Papers

RE: Application for an Operating Permit Amendment for Warren Quarry in Carbon County

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks:

Legal Notice

Notice of Application for Operating Permit amendment (pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, Section 82-4-342(3), MCA).

Big Horn Limestone Company (Big Horn) Warren, MT filed an application on June 20, 2005 for an Operating Permit amendment from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena. The limestone quarry has been operating for over 50 years. Big Horn proposes to expand its limestone quarry operating permit area from 198.9 to 491.9 acres. The quarry area would expand by 283 acres. Ten acres would also be included to over the rail loadout at Warren. All of the quarry operations would be on private lands in sections 19, 24, 25, and 30, Township 8 South and Range 26 East. The quarry is located six miles northeast of Warren, MT.

The rail loadout is on land owned by Montana Limestone Company, Burlington Railway, and the Montana Department of Transportation property in section 9, Township 9 South, and Range 25 East.

DEQ is reviewing the application and will be preparing an environmental analysis on the project. Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT. Please submit comments or questions on the proposal by August 15, 2005. For information on the project and to submit comments on the proposal, contact:

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Please send your invoice and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the above address to the attention of Patrick Plantenberg. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc # EMB 5036-001. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Plantenberg
Operating Permit Section Supervisor
Environmental Management Bureau

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